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The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant submits these references in compliance with its duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

Applicant believes that no fees are due because this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits. In addition, Applicant states that each item of information listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 was cited in a communication in a counterpart UK application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. For the Examiner's use and information, a copy of the Search Report in the corresponding UK application is attached. If any fees are due to effect consideration of the references, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. MEWBP001).

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